Establishing Sustainable Infrastructures for African Languages



About SADiLaR

SADiLaR is a national centre supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) as part of new South African Research Infrastructure Roadmap (SARIR). SADiLaR forms part of the international network of the of the Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure (CLARIN) in Europe and has obtained C-Centre status.



Structure

SADiLaR is a multi-partner entity with the North-West University (NWU) functioning as host as well as hub of a network of linked nodes, comprising:

- University of Pretoria (Department of African Languages);
- University of South Africa (Department of African Languages);
- Meraka Institute at the CSIR (HLT Research Group);
- North-West University (Centre for Text Technology); and
- Inter-Institutional Centre for Language Development and Assessment (ICELDA).



Activities

SADiLaR runs two programmes:



A digitisation programme, which entails the systematic creation of relevant digital text, speech and multi-modal resources related to all official languages of South Africa.



A Digital Humanities programme, which facilitates the building of research capacity by promoting and supporting the use of digital data and innovative methodological approaches within the Humanities and Social Sciences.



Domains

SADiLaR's enabling function impacts at least three domains:

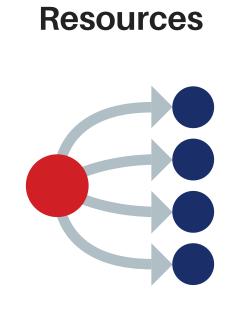
- Language technology domain;
- Humanities and social sciences domain; and the
- Socio-economic domain.



Node Specialisation Projects

Enriching

Digital Language
Resource
Generation



Public and Academic Access





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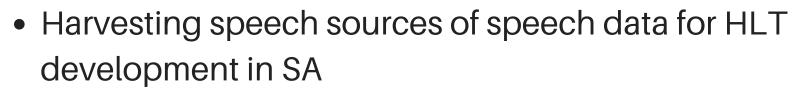




Phase 1 Projects







- CTexT
- Linguistic corpus enrichment for conjunctively written SA languages
- ICELDA
- Learner corpus of academic writing Fair
- Unbiased online language testing
- UP
- Digitisation of language resources
- UNISA
- African Word Net development
- African language terminology development



Training engagments



REUSE



Find like-minded collaborators

COLLABORATE

Provide contextualisation to participants in order to ground new concepts

CONTEXTUALISE

http://bit.ly/capacitymodel

SHARE with the community and contribute back





